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For: A JOINT STRUCTURE USING A GUSSET  
PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE JOINT  
STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF  
ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A  
BUILDING

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Examiner: Mark R. WENDELL

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 10, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the claims; and**

**Remarks.**